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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(s) and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
- a. type of material
 - ☒ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
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 - ☒ on paper
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 - ☒ contained in the international application as filed.
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 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☒ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 *bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-78</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-78</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-78</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-78 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Chambon et al (U.S. Patent 5,861,381; date issued January 19, 1999) and in view of Hoogenboom et al (PGPUB 2003/0235868; Priority claimed April 22, 2002)

The instant claims are summarized as isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes an agonist polypeptide antigen derived from MUC-1, wherein the agonist polypeptide stimulates an immune response, a method for generating an immune response to a MUC-1 tumor antigen comprising administering an isolated nucleic acid molecule. A method of treating a subject and a method of screening a molecule to generate an immune response to a MUC-1 to a tumor antigen.

Chambon et al teach a pharmaceutical composition comprising SEQ ID NO:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 9, 10 of the instant application intended for the curative treatment or the prevention of a malignant tumor, more especially of a carcinoma and most especially of a breast cancer a method of screening a molecule to generate an immune response to a MUC-1 to a tumor antigen. Chambon et al does not teach the method of identifying the molecule to generate an immune response to a MUC-1 to a tumor antigen.

Hoogenboom et al teach agonist polypeptide antigen derived from MUC-1 wherein the agonist polypeptide stimulates an immune response and a method of identifying a molecule that has the ability to generate an immune response to MUC-1.

It would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Chambon et al and Hoogenboom et al a method for generating an immune response to a MUC-1 tumor antigen comprising administering an isolated nucleic acid molecule, in addition to producing a method of treating a subject and a method of screening a molecule to generate an immune response to a MUC-1 to a tumor antigen.

Therefore, claims 1-78 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Chambon et al and in view of Hoogenboom et al.